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Here  
begynneth a deuoute treatyse  
named the Dyetary of ghostly  
belche.







## The prologue.

**I**n þe begynnynge of this newe yere/ my good  
systrers whā I consyder and se many frendes  
gyue tokens of custome/ one to another/ whi  
che custome some vse it for good lucke of a ne  
we yere/ some to procure carnall loue/ & some  
to gete a greter benefyte therby/ some to gete worlde  
ly fauoure or mayntenaūce in euyll / some to please &  
flatter them þe ben euyll/ (whiche causes be not cōmen  
dable/ some to procure loue & to cōtynue frendshyp &  
peas in the comune lyfe / byt wene neyghboure and  
neyghboure/ whiche is ryght good and conueniente  
to do. And some with ryght godly intente for to pur  
chace ghostly loue. for one ghoostly frende vnto re  
membre another the more hartely in prayers/ whiche  
I thynke ryght cōmēdable. And after this intent (as  
I suppose) dyuerse of you haue gyue tokens vnto me  
wherfoze haunyng nothing redy to gyue vnto you a  
gayne I purpose in my mynde to prepare one tokē for  
you all/ to plyte eche of you. This tokē thynke it true  
ly I haue not of my selfe/ but of god/ as I haue herde  
and redde of holy doctours/ & by coniecture of þe way  
to good lynyng/ & nothyng by expectēce of my selfe.  
It is ful vnsemyng to me for to shewe or wyte vnto  
you of þe way of vertue/ whiche am not yet all out of þe  
way of wyckednes. yet a gryndyngston maketh a kny  
fe bryght & sharpe/ though it be neuer þe sharper it selfe.  
So I may moue you to make you sharpe & quicke to  
ghostly thynges & to clerenes of good lynyng/ though  
I my selfe be ryght slowe and dull vnto the same. To

To teche goodnesse is a thyng that may not be done/ of them that haue cure and rule of other persones though they do but ytell good themselves. Cryst sayd of the pharysees rulers of y people. Do as they saye/ but not as they do. Notwithstandinge our lord hath gyuen me a desyre to do well. I beseeche hym I may haue grace to perfourme my desyre to his pleasure/ honoure and laude. Therefore though my simple luyng can styre you but ytell. I truste that my good wyll and desyre that I haue to your ghoostely profyte shall incyte you bothe to encrease the more in vertue / & also to helpe me with your prayers vnto y same. I ytell wyetury for your dayly conuersacyon/ I purpose for to wyte deuydyng it into .xxiiiij. consideracyons/ as the daye is deuyded in to .xxiiiij. houres/ whiche though it be rudely wyten/ it may profyte you moche/ yf ye wyll dylygently put it in execution of workyng/ and elles it profyteth ytell/ but rather hurteth. for Cryst sayth a seruaunte y knoweth the wyll of his mayster and wyll not do thereafter shal be beten with many grete strokes. And who so euer studpeth for the wyll of god and forgete it not/ but dylygently put it to workyng/ he shal be blessed of god and haue euerylastyng Joye for so doyng/ yf he perceyuet therein.



**T**o remembre that we ben pylgrymes and  
to what plate we ben forwarde.

**I**t is necessary fyrst to consider / **p** we be here  
in this lyfe as pylgrymes hauynge no longe  
restynge place / but allwaye beyng forwarde  
tother to heuen where we shall haue eternall  
rest / or elles we ben in the wronge waye / the  
whiche shall lede vs to euertlastynge sorowe. Lerne to  
knowe **p** one way from **p** other. And than every daye  
whan ye shall go to do any thyng / aske this questyon  
of yourselfe / saynge in your mynde to yourselfe / whe  
der arte thou goynge / consyderynge wylfely / whyder  
ye be in the way of vertue or wyckednes / folowynge  
Crist or the deuyll / in the way to heuen or to hell. And  
say these verses. (Uias tuas domine demonstra mi  
chi / et semitas edoce me. Dirige me in veritate tua &  
docere me / quia tu es deus saluator meus / & te sustinui  
tots die.) **S**et god for the marke **p** ye wyll go vn  
to / take his comaundementes for your way & runne  
stedfastly therein. Haue good hope in his goodnes / be  
terly dysstrustynge the dyscepuable cololayson of the  
worlde thynge **p** whiche many soules ben dysceyued

**T**he precyousnesse of tyme / and the  
shortenesse of the same.

**S**condarely it is to consyder the precyousnes  
of tyme / whiche is gyuen vs to do penaunce  
in / for our lyfe past / & to labour for Joye in the lyfe to  
come. And ho we **p** god shall requyre of euery persone

howe he hath expended the tyme gyven unto hym.  
And thinke þ every tyme not spent to his honour is  
lost / & shal be straptely punished. Beholde howe shor  
te our tyme is / & howe uncertayne / beyng nothyng  
sure but onely this tyme presente / þ is but now: ha  
vinge alwaye dothe suspecte / that cometh upon us /  
sodaynly many dyners wayes. And make alwaye a  
sure rekenyng for the tyme past / sayenge this prayer  
dayly. (*O bone ihesu / ant corā te in oblivione mea  
tempora preterita valde male consumpta. Et conce  
de / ut hoc temporis mei residuum / tibi sit honorificum  
michi fructuosum et proximo edificatorium. Qui be  
nus et regnas cum deo. &c.*) ¶ That is to saye in En  
glish be. O good lord ihesu let all my tymes past be  
forgotten before the / þ I have consumed veray evyll.  
And graunt þ this residue of my tyme may be bled  
in honour & worship unto þ / scrupetull unto my selfe  
and edyfyenge to my neygbbour. Whiche I praye with  
god the father in byrte of the holy ghost worlde with  
out ende. Amen. And at every tyme þ the clocke dothe  
stryke / consider that your lyfe is shorted by an houre /  
sayenge thus to our lady / to / to socoure you at þ hou  
re of dethe. (*Maria plena gratie / mater misericordie  
tu nos ab hoste protege / & in hora mortis suscipe.*)  
¶ Mary moder full of grace / moder also of mercy / de  
fende us from our enemy / & at the houre of dethe / ta  
ke us to thy protectyon. And so I truste there shal co  
me grete grace therof.

¶ Nowe god is present to us and his aunzell.



**R**emembre alway þ what soener ye do/ our lord  
be god is alway present/seyng & consyderyn-  
ge euery thought/woorde/& dede/& stryptely shall call  
vs to a counte for the. Therefore it is necessary to ob-  
serue good maner & reuerent behauour/bothe in war-  
de in mynde/& outwarde in body/as well in chambere  
or cell as in other secreete places/as in presence of gre-  
te estates/hauynge alway honour & reuerence to god  
& to our good aungell / feryng & beyng ashamed to  
do þ thyng in the presence of god/þ ye sholde be asha-  
med of in the presence of men. And whan ye be alone  
say often this verse. (*Qui cognoscis occulta cordis/  
parce peccatis nostris.*) **L**orde that knowest þ pry-  
uytes of harte / We beseeche the spare vs / þ we be not  
dampned for our synnes/and grete offences.

**N**ot onely the body/but also the mynde must be  
spared vs from the occasyons of euyl.

**T**hynke thoughe ye sholde be closed vp within  
iij. walles. It is not pnowghe to haue youre  
bodpes spared from þ occasyons of euyl/where the  
mynde is wandryng abroad in carnall pleasure/mu-  
syng upon worldly vanities/buysed w woorkes and  
matters of other persones/& caryng moche for your  
frendes & kynnesfolkes/occupied somtyme with vn-  
lawfull & vncienly thoughtes and desyres. Therefore  
ye must close vp also your mynde and affeccyon from  
all suche thynges. And that must be by often and con-  
tynuall remembraunce of god/as nere as ye maye.  
Close vp and hyde your loue and mynde in the depe &  
large woundes of our lord Ihesu Cryst by deuoute

remembraunce of his pitifull passyon / alwaye aby-  
dunge there / for there our enemyes darenot medle/  
but wheder ye wyll or not / they wyll entre woth you  
in to the materyal cloystre / your enemye shal be must  
nedes in / & deuyl wyll not be behynde. And as I sup-  
pose / ye shal haue of hym more force & stronger batay-  
le there than euer ye had before. And yf we thinke now  
right lytell & easy / what than perchaunce be full harde  
& greuous to overcome. Therefore prepare your selfe  
manly / stande fast in fapth / & remembre yf rewarde of  
your victorye / trustyng in god onely for strengthe.

**H**ow the world byngeth in trouble vnto religy-  
ous persones.

**T**he world trulleth his gere & hydeth them in  
a corner of a maunessoule vnto the tyme yf he  
is entred in to religyon. And than yf deuyl byngeth  
them to light. So yf those vanities / synnes & iniquet-  
bulynesse / yf ye haue sene / herde / & ben in / shall than co-  
me to remembraunce / whiche now ye be nothyng  
troubled woth / as hyden within you. Than also the  
world shall sende vnto you by crafte of the deuyl ty-  
dynges & tale berers whiche shal let you of grete pro-  
fyte yf ye be not ware. Sparte them out therfore and  
auoyde them from you / & neuer be glad to here world-  
ely rumours / ne dayne talkyng. Let not yf deuyl hy-  
de vp suche thynges in your soules yf afterwarde may  
put you to trouble. Be neuer gladd to talke & here of  
other psones euill demeanour / of theyr beaute / counte-  
naunce / apparel / & specially detracco or backbytynge



ony maner of persones / but rather flee theyr compa-  
ny / or moue them to saye Well / and to speke that is ho-  
neste and conueniente for to here sayenge thus befo-  
re. Shall speke with ony worldely persones. (¶ Do-  
mine libera animam meam a labijs inquis & lingua  
dolosa.) ¶ Good lord I beseeche the deliuer my sou-  
le from the lyppes of wycked men and from a dyscey-  
uable tongue.

¶ To orde Well euery tyme auoydynge ydelnesse.

**I**han after y counsaile of some good mā  
dyspose and orde euery tyme of the day  
to some prosyte bodely or ghoostly. So  
that ydelnesse befoze all thynges maye  
be vtterly excluded. for ydelnesse is the  
moder of all euill / stepdame of vertue / forger of vn-  
clennesse / the waie to vnstabilnesse / nouryscher of vy-  
ces / increacer of slouthfulnesse / kyndeler of malyce &  
enuye. It soweth euill thoughtes. It gendzeth euill  
desyres / and byngeth forth many euill workes. It  
maketh vs wery of ghoostly luyng. It putteth vs  
in fere of ghoostly batayle / and dzyueth vs frome the  
Way of penaunce. ¶ false ydelnes howe many doest  
thou deceyue. ¶ Idelnes is the snare that the deuyl by-  
deth amonge the grasse of the grene flouryng pou-  
che / & amonge the fallynge leues of the bayne worl-  
dely Joye and pleasure / and betray harde it is to sca-  
pe it. Therfore beware that the deuyl in no wyse fynd  
de you in this snare / but yf ye be caught therein / breke  
out betymes or he catche holde vpon you. for whan  
he hath holde vpon you / it is harde to breke awaye.

**¶** And we sholde gyue vs to dyuers exercyses.  
**A**nd bycause our mynde whiche is moche sub-  
iecte vnto vanyte whyles we be in this lyfe/  
abydeth neuer longe in one state. Therefore we must  
dyeue a way ydelnes by dyuers chaunges of good ex-  
ercyses. As somtyme by good hande worke / & conue-  
nient bodely labour / somtyme in prayer / somtyme  
in study / or redyng of scripture or of some good wor-  
kes of holy doctours. Somtyme in medytacyon & co-  
templacyon yf ye can attayne therto. And se yf your  
hande worke be other to y honoure of god / to y profy-  
te poore people / or elles for your owne necessitye. And  
in every thyng y ye shall do. Se fyrst y it be lawfull  
for you to do it. Secundarely yf it become you for to  
do it. Thyrde ly whyther it be expedient for to do it.  
for all thynges y ben lawfull & semynge for you to do  
are not to be done / but yf they be expedient. Saynt  
Doule to wytnesse. (*Omnia michi licent / sed nō ola  
michi expediunt.*) Therefore y thyng y is semyn-  
ge expedient & not agayne the comaundement of god  
perfourme it / sayenge before every worke. In nomi-  
ne patris. &c. With a Vater noster & an Ave maria.

**¶ Of exercise in prayer and study.**

**O**ur prayers besyde y houres of dewtye whi-  
che muste be preferred before any thyng / ye  
may prolonge or make shorte as y holy ghost  
gyueth grace of deuotyō or good desyre. And be wa-  
re y loge praye engendre not tedynousnesse. for better  
it is to praye often breuely w deuotyō / thā longe vn-  
deuoutely. excepte deuotyō be enspyrēd by longe de-  
syre. Beware also ye make no bande ye holde of nomi-



booke of psalmes or prayers / but vse them for þe tyme þe  
ye haue pleasure & deuocyon in them. And Where de-  
uocyon lacketh / thā go to redyng or to some other ex-  
ercise / so cōfortyng your spyrtes / auoydyng þe synne  
of sloth. In your study & redyng of booke / se þe they  
be conuenient for you. And marke wel all suche thyng-  
es as make to the ensample of good lyfe / bothe for  
to se at your selfe / & to shew it vnto others for þe same  
entente. And before ye go to rede or study / say thus.  
(*Spiritus sancti gratia illuminet corda et corpora  
nostra.*) With a Vater noster. That is þe grace of the  
holy ghost lyght on vs bothe soule & body. And after  
your redyng / remembre breuely what ye haue redde  
& than say thus. (*Confirma hoc deus quod operat⁹  
es in nobis.*) With a Vater noster. Howe to be ordred  
at your brydlynge / Whā ye wake in þe mornynge fro  
slepe after þe houre assygned to ryse. Forthwylfte vp  
your herte to god / cōmyttyng your selfe to his protec-  
cyon / & gyue hym thākes / for þe he hath preserued you  
þe nyght past / sufferynge no bayne thoughtes to falle  
in to your mynde / but shortly blesse you & falle vnto  
your prayer. Be neuer overcomen wth sluggishnesse ne  
dulnesse of body / as some ben þe wth growynge and  
grutchynge ryse out of theyr beddes. But wth a quicke  
mynde put awaye all slouth as thowge Cryste our  
spouse dyde call you vnto maryage / layenge to your-  
selfe. Ryse thou wretched body out of thy couche / ma-  
ke the redy & lyght thy lampe / go mete wth thy spou-  
se / and do thy deuote lest thou be refused for comyn-  
ge to late. And be not longe in the apparaylynge of  
your selfe / but applye you vnto your worke or serpyce.

enioyned to you for to do/With gladnes of mynde let  
no vanytes appere in your apparell/but kepe alwaye  
a semyng fourme & an vnyfourme way in your dys-  
clynge/dysynge nother to rude besturene to petyous/  
but in a meane/no wyse despyng to please & to please  
by it/but to honour god. Call also vnto god  
for his helpe & grace/that ye may be stronge agaynst  
þ malice & power of your enemyes. for many haue  
ben in grete peryll bothe in body & soule/bycause they  
haue not blessed themselves & honoured god at theyr  
dysclynge. Therfore saye alwaye when ye take some  
blessynge & prayer/as ye may fynde in dyuers booke

### Of herynge masse.

**I**f it may be here masse euery daye. for by that  
ye be made the more able to al good workes in  
the day folowynge/& prosper the better in euery thyn-  
ge. In masse tyme be dyligent as moche as ye maye  
to haue deuocyon/commytynge yourselfe & all that lo-  
geth to you vnto hym þ is there present. The masse is  
the veray memorall of Cristes passyon. Than yf ye  
wol haue deuocyon/fall to some medytacyon of Cry-  
stes holy passyon. for there is nothynge that bynde-  
leth mannes affectyon so sone as þ medytacyon ther-  
of. If ye wol be perfectly purged from bytes/yf ye  
wol be endued with vertues/yf ye wol be lightned  
wnderstandynge/yf ye wol haue victorye of your  
enemyes/yf ye wol haue consolacyon in aduersyte/yf  
ye wol haue swetnesse with teres in your prayers/yf  
ye wol departe pleasantly out of this lyfe/yf ye wol  
haue redely euertlastynge Joy. Use deuoute medyta-



eyen of trythes passyd in your masse herynge. And also  
so every other tyme before ye shall pray. The masse is  
of meruayllous grete effecte. for after the sayenge of  
saint Iulian. By every masse devoutly sayd is there  
one soule deliuered out of purgatory / & one synner co  
uerted. Therefore here masse devoutely / beseeche  
our lord sayenge. Blesyd Ihesu let me synner be the  
person p shall be stedfastly converted unto the. And  
say this prayer. (*Quoniam tu solus sanctus*) And  
whā ye be comonde / that ye byspose yourselfe before  
with hygh beseechynge & mekenesse / by contricion / co  
fession & deuoute prayer / so p ye may receiue your  
maker to p saluacion & strenght of your soules. And  
after to comforte the more the heart is in ioye.

**W**holbe goddes seruyce and prayer shoulde be sayd.  
The seruyce that is be comanded for to saye.  
All that longeth to obediēce / is that ye fully  
most diligently be to all thinge. for other prayers  
ben not acceptable to god / by cause on those thinge  
ges p ye are bounde to obediēce. Therefore whā p be  
ryngeth to seruyce / consider as it were the trowpe p  
shall be blotted at the Iudgement. Than by your selfe  
to p charyte with grete mekenesse & fere / to wote and  
bystrulle your causes before god p most hygh & iuge  
most myghty / most feyfull / most wyse / most ry  
ght wyse / but yet most mercifull. Remembre p be is  
mercifull to all them p ben meke & obediēt / & they  
complayntes & supplicacions only be deliuered to here.  
Therefore byspose yourselfe to mekenesse afore your  
prayer / by some medytacion / as of your synfull lyf

With joyntes therfore of your foule merites and in-  
numerable demerites / of þ dayly mysery in this lyfe  
of the infynite paynes for synne after this lyfe. Of þ  
greate endlesse Joye in heuen of the great goodnesse  
of god for deliueringe our soules from synne / for þ we shoulde  
be amende our lyfe. And the great mercy of our lord  
sufferinge by the passion for our redemption / whiche  
all / but these principally ben greate causes for to  
meken our hertes to serue god deuoutly. And whā  
we haue greate deliuerance by merites. So we your ser-  
uice & prayres not only in pson our persone / as for  
your selfe / but in the person of our moder þ holy churche.  
In þ which be three ben some as paynters in the  
paynes of purgatory. Some as traytours þ ben ob-  
stinate synners. Some as suers for theyr pdon þ be  
penitent. Some as mynisters & seruantes þ ben in  
þ state of grace. Some ben assistent w god to be our  
patrones & beccates / they ben holy angels & sayntes.  
Now ymagyne þ howe our lord speketh vnto vs  
and we somtyme bute by in our psalmes & other ser-  
uices þ we saye. And somtyme we treat for the pris-  
oners. Somtyme we complaine of our aduersaries.  
Somtyme we desire hym to spare his traytours / þ  
they may haue space to amende / somtyme we labour  
to our patrones & beccates for to helpe to optayne fa-  
uoure & grace / somtyme we magnify his power / his  
wisdom / his goodnesse / to laude & prayse. Therefore  
thynke it no lytell cause þ we come to churche for. Be-  
fore a temporall kyng caused ben by strilled for this  
bodily lyfe to grette dwyge / here & reuerence. Noche  
more thā oughte we to grette mekenes / reuerence / & so



re/lye vnto our ghostly matters for þe sauēgarde & p  
moryō of our soules before þe hyēhe Judge/ & thowge  
ye vnderstande not what ye say/ conyde þe ye be as a  
poore wyche þe hath a complaynte or supplicacyon  
to put vnto þe kynge/ made by a lerned mā/ wherin all  
your desyres cōteyned more expedyently thā ye can  
do it your selfe. Thus remēbre where & in whose pres  
sence ye be/ & for what cause. And before ye go to your  
seruyce call for grace & say. (Rex criste clementissime  
tu corda nostra posside/ vt tibi laudes debitas/ redda  
mus omni tempore.) ¶ Suffre not your mynd to  
wāder as nere as ye may. And say after euery houre  
where ye haue ben negligente. (O deus propici⁹ esto  
michi peccatori.) ¶ And whā ye haue sayd þis your  
dewty/ than saye your other prayers & memoyses of  
sayntes as your deuocyon is moued.

To haue synguler deuocyon to some specyall sayntes.

**I**t is veray good to haue a synguler deuocyon  
to some specyall sayntes/ in tohom ye haue gre  
te confydence to be your aduocates/ helpers/ & defen  
ders at all nedes to call on the/ whiche may optayne  
for you þe not worthynable of your selfe/ but most  
specyally in our tyme to haue the glayous quene of  
heuen moder of cryst at all tymes in most louyng re  
uerence/ wth moost hardy affectyon louyng vnto her/  
as to moost sure refuge in al nedes/ peryl/ & tempta  
cyons/ takyng her nexte cryst/ for moost hye & trusty vo  
cate/ prayng euery day some synguler laude & pray  
er to her mercifull goodwille. And þe your deuocyon  
and reuerence to her made/ be the more acceptable.  
So trowe to folow her in pure chastyte & cleanness of

body and soule with all manner of herte & lowlines  
to every persone in woide and dede / we haue soo ma  
ny enemies and they ben so crafty / that without her  
helpes & other help sayntes / we are not able to escape  
theyr daungers. Therefore these your patrones may  
helpe you in this daungerous lyfe / & defende your sou  
les from all cruell enemies at the house of dethe spe  
cially / and brynge you graciously to perpetuall sal  
uagarde.

**The commendacyon of byrgynne.**

**R**emembre thyself to Whome ye be despoised /  
Whome ye desyre to haue in marriage / & praye  
hym mekely & hartly impyred you with so good wyll /  
and geue you suche desyre to preserve and perfourme  
thesame / ye haue promysed your byrgynne to Crist.  
Thynke this came not of your selfe. For it is impossy  
ble so to do & contrayne but onely by grace. Consy  
der howe precious a treasure ye bere in a fragile vessel  
Remembre what rewarde / what gloie / what crowne  
of Joy ye shal haue by keepynge of pure byrgynne  
And fere what payne / what shame / what confusyon /  
What dysmayson ye shal fall in if it be lost. What trea  
sure is better than þis / what felicitye maye bye heuen.  
Wherin wylled getely desyre / wherby crist hym  
selfe is electe & moued to loue you specially / & to geue  
(not onely hymselfe) to you / but also every thyng þat  
is good. The sweetenelle of make byrgynne gaue so  
faste an odoure in to heuen þat it made þat kynge of all  
kynges to haue suche a celestiall conspyrence alo  
ne buto þat moost meke byrgyne Mary þat he descended  
from heuen to ethe for to be married unto our nature



but ye shall not be credned tyll ye be well proued as  
golde in the furneyss. for scripture sayth þ þe þ is not  
tempred is not proued. wyrgynyte is golde your Cel  
is þ furneyss/temptacon is þ defyre/þ deuyl is þ hyn  
deler and blower of this fyre/your body is the erthen  
bessell/wherin this golde is put to be proued/whiche  
bessell if it be broken by any byolent fyre/the golde is  
shedde out & lost/a the bessell can neuer be repared &  
made hole agayne.

**W**yrghynyte can not be gotten ne kepte with-  
out grete labour and payne.

**S**pynges þ chastyte & wyrgynyte ben gyftes of a  
spyrual grace of god & nothyng of our me-  
rytes/for we can not be chast or contynent/but if god  
gyue it vs by grace. Therfore they ben vnworthy to  
haue so noble a gyfte þ refuse to take some labour &  
payne for it. They þ thynke to be chast amonge dely-  
ces & dayntye cheryshynges of þ body/they þ wyl be  
contynent where grete festyng is & dayntye fare/they  
þ fere not to be couersant amonge vnchast & ryotous  
persones/& not to be tempted for to be forced w etyn-  
ge & drynkynge & not to be despyled/to hyde fyre i theyr  
bosome/& not be brente/they are sore disceyued. for þ  
thynke it very harde/or elles impossible. Therfore be  
ware ye be not disceyued presumynge to moche in the  
se thynges vpon your owne strengthe. for wout gre-  
te contyngon & assyeycon of the fleshe & grete helpe  
of grace/true chastyte can nother be gotten nor kepte.  
Remembre þ glasse is fragile & may endure no dystresse  
Also grete aduentures many tymes do curse þ wyce.  
Therfore beware ye Jeoperde not to ferre/but enere

more eschewe the occasiouns of euill. for þe wyse man  
sayth/who so euer loueth perill he shal perill the therein

### Of the vertue of sadnesse.

**S**o þe be of sadde behauour, bothe in mynde  
& outwarde gesture. kepe your mynde dyl-  
gently in sadnes & geue it all to spiritual exercyses  
sufferynge no vayne thoughtes to rest therein. And  
mightely subdue þe concupiscence & passions of þe bo-  
dy/as wrath / carnall loue / bodely or worldly fere/  
sensuall ioye/or desolute laughynge. for ye can not  
be wel ordred outwarde, but yf these be ordred & wel  
ruled inwarde, but yet þe outwarde behauour helpe  
th moche to overcome these inwarde passions. And  
therefore it behoueth to kepe your self þe bodely. b. wyt-  
tes þe shall se/here/or touche/nothyng þe sholde sty-  
re you to euill/or dystayne good maners, kepe your  
syght close towarde þe erthe/ cōsiderynge þe the eye is  
a thefe/ & wyll betray þe soule yf it be not warily kepte  
fyrre not your syght vpon beautifull thynges/ & here  
no vayne ne vytyous cōmynge/ ferynge lest dethe  
wyll entre in to your wyndowes & infecte your sou-  
les with synne.

Of sadnesse & dyscrecyon in speche & other behauour

**D**oost dyligently restrayne your tonge & speke  
not wout a reasonable questyō be made vnto  
you/or elles whē ye be cōstrayned by euident neede/ &  
thā stydy to geue answer breuely & mekely spekynge  
w sad countenance/ reuerence/ & fowte fere of god/ &  
the wyng alway talkynge & þe occasiouns of þe same  
excepte it be of ghostly matters/ & w right ghostly  
sones. Speke nothyng but yf it be semynge for þe



me place / & persone. Wyte you honest myrth w<sup>th</sup> sad-  
nes / bothe in speche laughynge / & gesture of body / w<sup>th</sup>  
out robynge or callynge þ<sup>e</sup> syght towarde ony p<sup>er</sup>son  
suspectly w<sup>th</sup>out lyfynge or mouynge of þ<sup>e</sup> heed or ony  
other mēbre vnsemyngly / be gentyl w<sup>th</sup>out grutchynge  
your countenance lonly & cherefull w<sup>th</sup>out froynynge  
lowynge or derpyng / w<sup>th</sup> þe speke laughe or smyle le  
it be w<sup>th</sup>out scornynge or loude voyce. Be not to hasty  
ne to slowe in your goynge. Shewe no slugghnes  
in your restynge. Inquyre not of other p<sup>er</sup>sones cōuer-  
sacions ne cōfyder theyr defautes. Refourme þ<sup>e</sup> is a-  
myss in other p<sup>er</sup>sones w<sup>th</sup>out ony reprimynge. Prayse  
ne dysprayse yourselfe / nor gretly other p<sup>er</sup>sones / speke  
nothyng to be reputed holy or cōynge. Gyue place  
to þ<sup>e</sup>re detymes & to the þ<sup>e</sup> multiply wordes agaynst  
your forgynne shortly theyr arroure or nyctyngence / &  
thus þe shal kepe þ<sup>e</sup> vertue of sadnesse / & dyscrecyon /  
whiche is a grette helpe to chastyte / & to all other ver-  
tues. W<sup>th</sup>erto saynt Poule doth moue vs sayenge / let  
your sadnes be knowen to all men. And soo by good  
exemple þe may profyte other & meryte very moche.

**C**how refeccyon ought to be take.

**A**s a seke mā receyueth his medicyne so take  
your bodily refeccyō. A seke mā thynkes his  
medycyn a myghty bytter / therfore he wyll take no more  
than shall suffyse for his helthe / and yf he do / it maye  
be to his hurte. So lykelysse cōsiderynge the p<sup>er</sup>son  
vnto chastyte that is in meetes and drynkes / they  
sholde be bytter vnto you / no thyng gladd to take  
ony more than sholde susteyne nature / ferynge by to  
make etyng & drynkyng for to gyue strength vnto

your adversary / & to nouryssh your pryue enemy / to  
creasynge & henes of þ soul. Therefore Iohān go on  
to your mete / thynke alwaye vpon your chastyte / se-  
tynge lest the beym þ is hydden in mete & drynke do  
not infecte the body with carnall luste or slouth. And  
so consequently þ soule by concupiscence & negligē-  
ce in þ scrupel of god. Myne Jerome teacheth holy wy-  
gynges & wylleth þ after they ben passed chyldhode &  
growynge age they sholde ete no fleshe / ne drynke no  
wyne / excepte þ tyme of & henesse. And commaundeth þ  
suche sobrietye sholde be kepte in mete & drynke that  
the body sholde rather complayne / than to reioyce in  
full appetyte / so þ the stomake sholde not neede medy-  
cynes / for to cause degestyon / but so to bryke þ appety-  
te of the body / þ it be not lesse apte vnto watchynge /  
prayer / studye / or contemplacyon after þ mete / than it  
was before. The wyse man Salamon sayth. I haue  
determined in my selfe I mynde to restrayne my fleshe  
from wyne. for this entente / þ I myght gyue my my-  
de vnto wysdome & conynge / & eschewe foly. foly  
can not be auoyded / nor godly wysdome optayned /  
but by abstinence from moche etynge & drynkyng.  
Therefore sayth our sauyoure cryst. Take heede þ your  
hertes be not accombed with glotony. Example we  
haue of Danyell / Ananias / Mary / & Mary Magdalene  
of grete abstinence / to whom our lord graue excellēt  
wysdome & conynge / so þ they excelled ferre all þ h  
se lerned men in the kyngdome of Babylon. And al  
euer haue had þ grace of holy wysdome of deuoute co-  
templacyon / or reuelacyon hath come by it / by mea-  
nes of abstinence / & contrary. Moche etynge & dryn-



kynges hath caused moche synne & foly. As it appere-  
th of Roy & Loth with others / & of the ryche Glotone  
in the gospel. Shewe not sensual appetyte therfore to  
his full desyre. So proude to your nede that ye may  
swage hungr / & yet not satisfy your bodely appet-  
te. Regarde not the daintyne of meetes & drynkes  
but nedely the sustentacyon of the frayle body conty-  
nually decayinge. And beware y voluptuousnes cre-  
pe not in vnder y cloke of nede. Some there ben y fe-  
re grete abstinence or watchynge / bycause of syknes  
or wekenes of body / ferynge to be not stronge to serue  
god. And I here me many tymes it is but (Excusatio  
in peccatis) for full felwe there ben y haue y feruoure  
or loue to watche or to abstayne so moche. And if they  
had for y loue of god. I thynke he wolde gyue theym  
discrecyon wail / or other wyse proude for the. I pray  
god it be not to moche / y many thynke to ytell. True  
discrecyon is to preferre y soule before the body / whi-  
can not be without some payne of the body.

#### Of chawpunge at the borde.

**S** It honestly at your mete. Gyue place to your  
better / bothe in orde of lytynge & in syttinge / &  
kyngde of your mete. Use no Janglyng / tryflyng / ne-  
lyghtnes at the borde / & hate bitterly betraccon and  
backbityng. Be content with such as is set before  
you wout grutchynge / & fede not of so many dysshes  
nor to greedely. For in many meetes sayth y wyle mā  
ye can not sayle of syknesse. And as ye fede y body w  
bodely fode / so fede the soule with ghostly fode. as by  
redynge of some holysome and ghostly werkes wher-  
in your soules may be edifyed / gyue dyligence to the

herynge therof with al seylence / your mynde & entent  
set holly thereupon. And as ye se some grete estates of  
they: charitable goodnesse wyll se some poore people  
be serued before themselves. So in lyke wyse ghostly  
before every meke serue those poore soules in  
ty þ haue leest helpe / with a dater noster & an Ave ma  
ria / before ye serue your owne bodyes. And ye shal be  
serued (I thynke) ryght grete mercy & rewarde of god  
therfore. Before ye ete ouy mete / lyfte vp your hartes  
denoutely to god with laude & prayse to hym / & saye  
grace / besekynge hym to blesse your mete & you / so þ  
þ refectyon whiche ye shal take / may be to strengthe  
you in his seruyce / not serynge þ body to rebell ayens  
þ soule. After mete gyue thanks to god denoutely w  
sayenge grace / addynge at þ last ende this lytell pray  
er. *O* Deus dei bñis gratiam / defunctis misericor  
diam ecclesie sue pacem / domini apostolico & nobis  
peccatoribus bñā eternā. Amen. ¶ Wherto is gra  
ted. In

**C**howe to be occupied after mete / and to be  
ware of temptacion.

**A**fter your dyner go to your worke / study / or  
prayer as ye be assigned to / & do þ dyligente  
ly / remembryng alway god & your good awngel pre  
sent what so ever ye do / & applye every thyng þ ye do  
reuerently to his honoure. Beware of ydelnesse & ly  
ght maners / & forgete not your enemyes of þ contra  
ry behalfe / whiche neuer resteth / but full busely labou  
reth continually to destruy your soules w ryght gre  
te craft & malyce. Haue them alway suspecte in eue  
ry thyng þ ye shal do & thynke. And beware þ be hy



be hym not amenge your good workes by bayne glo-  
ry/for than he wyl make them nought. Somtyme he  
wyl bynge in good thoughtes & purposes for an yll  
entente/for to let a better thyng/oz for to inquyte þ  
cōscience. He cometh somtyme easely/somtyme fyer-  
ly/somtyme pruely/somtyme pertly. And þ more pe-  
fle fro hym þ soer he assaileth you. But what reme-  
dy. Truly we hane no strength nor polycy in regarde  
to our aduersary. Therfore let vs not trust in ourselfe  
Our lord let hym be our strength. Our good aūgels  
& holy sayntes helpe & comforte to vs. Let vs therfo-  
re cōmyt ourselfe to hym / & call for helpe betymes in  
euery temptacyon. Cleue stedfastly to his loue w fere  
of his dyspleasure. Remembryng what payne he suf-  
fered to bynge man in to þ state of grace. And therfo-  
re suffice not to be brought out therof for a lytel shor-  
te pleasure oz for sufferynge a lytell dyspleasure oz a shor-  
te payne. It pleaseth god veray moche/whā any per-  
auoydeth temptacyon betymes / & falleth to prayer &  
praylyng of god. for than þ thyng þ the deuyll had  
forged for mannes grete hurte / it turned vpon his  
oʷne heed with confusyon. And þ persone that so re-  
sisteth shall hane double rewarde / bothe for his bye-  
toyr & for his oʷne prayer vnto god.

**C**ho we to overcome temptacyon.

**I**f he be very fyerle aboute you w temptacyō oz  
trybulacyō/howe soeuer greuous it be/dyspay-  
re not. Thynke there ben. xij. dyuers houres in þ day  
they shal not be alyke vnto you. Some good/& some  
badde. Thynke howe our lord loketh vpon you to  
proue your stedfastnes & manlynes/for to gyue you þ

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larger crowne of glorie / & say with Tobe / yf we haue  
not taken good thynges of þe hande of god / wher shal  
be we not take euyl. And remembre holy sayntes þe  
haue ben troubled so before. And marke it well þe who  
soeuer god wyll bysye with grace & consolacions /  
hym wyll he first proue in þe tyme of trybulacion. Ther  
fore neuer gye vp to your aduersary / ne grette not  
wiche the troublous temptacions / nor loke to moche of  
þe that is layde to you by temptacion / but go forwarde  
aboute your good busynes / as though ye dyspay  
ned to here of suche thynges. Or elles speke thus in  
your mynde resourmyng your soule. Lo my soule / lo  
howe þe deuyl knocketh at thy gate / yf þe suffrest hym  
to come in / god thy strength shall go from the / & thou  
shalte peryll be with grete mylery & suffre grete pay  
ne & shame before god & man. O thou frayle body / all  
this wythednelle procedeth of the. Beware thou be  
not subiecte vnto þe deuyl. Consider howe þe god is  
present / to se howe thou shalte fyght wiche thyne enemy.  
Crye for helpe vnto heuen / þe they may assyst vs & put  
away our aduersaries. Thou can not se them / & ther  
fore the batayle is the more peryllous. Suffre & take  
vpon þe a lytell payne / & thynke howe pleasaunte thy  
victory shall be. And contrary yf þe folow the shorte  
pleasure of thy temptacion / eternall payne wyll folo  
we. Therefore beware / & than fall to prayer / & what so  
euer þe deuyl speketh in you by temptacion / thynke it  
is not your woorde nor your doyng / therefore care not  
for it / but go forwarde / trustyng þe as after grete stry  
mes / cometh fayre wyther. So after grete trybulacy  
on shall folowe ghostly consolacion.



**T**he study or medytacyon in holy wytynges pro-  
fyeth moche agaynst temptacyon.

**F**or this cause I wolde ye sholde alwaye fere  
trustyng nothyng vpon your owne strengthe  
but alway suspecte your owne fragylte / & as a dowue  
that fereth the hawke dothe comunely vse the ryuer  
syde / & as in a glasse dothe spe in þ water þ shadowe  
of þ hawke flyenge for to deuoure her / & so is alware  
of her & sauerh herselfe / so I wolde ye sholde do . The  
ryuers or waters ben þ sentences of holy scripture /  
the lyfe our sauour Ihesu cryst / & of other holy sayn-  
tes / whiche flowyng from þ moost clere fountayne  
of the dyuine wysdome dothe shewe & dyscouer þ sub-  
tyll craft & false suggestyon of our enemy the deuyl /  
& teacheth vs howe we shall be ware of hym / for to es-  
cape this daunger. Nothyng swageth concupyscen-  
ce more / nothyng putteth euyl thoughtes alway bet-  
ter / than with the study or medytacyon of þ worde of  
god & holy redyng. Unto þ whiche I wolde þ ye shol-  
de so accustome your mynde & occuppe your hartes so  
therupon / þ whā ye go to bedde ye mygh fall on slepe  
in þ thynkyng of some sentence of holy scripture or  
sayntes lyues & dreame of the in your slepe / as sone  
as ye shall wake / they maye cleue to your memory / &  
therfore whan ye be troubled or waked by the craft  
or illusyon of your enemy / beware of vayne thoughtes  
betymes / auoydyng all dulnesse of body & myn-  
de. And occuppe you thus or elles in prayers.

**C**oncluse.

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**T**he this for a sure conclusyon/though he chaunge  
be the very flower & beaute of all vertues/  
yet without the groud of mekenes it can not growe  
but it fadeth & hangeth away/as snowe agaynst þe  
sone. Mekenes is the foundacyon of all vertues/the  
strength of the soule & confusyon of our grete enemy  
þe deuyl/a vessel of all grace & moder of peas & restyn  
ge place of þe holy ghost. And wyde contrary wyse is  
begynnyng of all synne/a moost wekenes of þe soule  
whiche expelled awyge from heuen/a man from pa  
radys. yf ye Joye in our thynges/Joye in our lordes/a  
not for þe come of noble vertuous lyngage or of ry  
che parentes / nor for þe preferre pouerte before ry  
ches/nor for þe haue forsaken ryche maryages/ but  
lye we by mekenesse howe nere you be our meke spou  
se Cryst/þe more meke/þe more nere to hym ye be. Be  
ware þe be not proude of mekenes/but dyspyse your  
selfe/dyspyse none other persone/and let nought to be  
dyspyed/but rather be glad. If ye wyll be þe spouse of  
Cryst/whiche beynge moost ryche in heuen / chose to  
be moost poore in erthe. He chose a poore moder/a poore  
house to be borne in/where he was moost honoured  
in heuē. He came hyder to take dyspytes/reppones / &  
grete paynes mekely as a lambe. Therefore folow  
this lambe as ye haue knowe other byrgynes do be  
fore where so euer ye go/a thyng þe ye can neuer be to  
meken colyderpnce what grace cometh alway therby

#### **O**f obedyence.

**I**f ye haue true mekenesse/ye shall repute euery  
persone your better/a yourselfe as a seruaunt/



or a hande may be / what so euer begeth ye be of. Wher  
vpon foloweth perfyte obedyence / whiche dyeth god to  
man / & mā to god in perfyte charyte. As aynt Barnas  
do sayth. If ye wyll be wyse / be obedyent. For thus it  
is wyten / yf thou conceytest wyldome / observe & do y  
(is commaunded the / & god shall gyue it the. This obe-  
dyence must be obserued (not in scruple fere) but with  
good affectyō of loue & charyte (not fofere of payne)  
but for loue of Iustyce. Obedyence is y vertue y graf-  
feth all other vertues in y soule. It preserveth & kepe-  
th them surely after they be grafted. It is better than  
sacrifyse. For by sacrifyse is gyuen a way y temporal  
goodes / and by obedyence is bitterly lesse & forsaken  
y owne selfe wyll. Of our owne wyll cometh al synne  
Thā yf we forsake our owne wyll / resygnynge it to  
god & to our superioure / we forsake all synne / for we  
may do nothyng but as they wyll / yf they wyll noo  
synne / we therfore beynge obedyent may do no synne  
What is then more expedyent thā to haue obedyence  
(whiche had) we nede to fere no paynes of hell. The  
ordyr of obedyence is thus. It is more our duetye to  
obey god than mā / the superioure than y inferioure /  
better to obey your owne heed than a straunger. And  
it is specially good to obey one to another / yf it lette  
not y obedyence to y superiour. A true obedyenter is  
glad to be scruplable vnto eueryone of his company  
& soye to be chargeable or comberous to the. Lowyn-  
ge & gentyll to all / & deuoute vnto god. The greter y  
persone be y is dysobeyed y greuouser is the inobedy-  
ence. The more easly the commaundementes be / y more  
greuous is the contempte. And yf it fortune you to

contempne the commaundement (as god forbydde) of  
your heeb/de ware in any wyse ye contempne not the  
remedy/whiche is make penance / redy to be forp to  
submyttyng of your selfe to correctyon/fallynge to þ  
fete of them whom ye offende. Note well this sayen-  
ge of saynt Barnarde. Whā my superiour (whē he)  
commaūdeþ me to scyence/þf a wordþ perchaūce esca-  
pe thughe neglygēce oꝝ forgetyng my selfe. I know  
lege my selfe gylty of inobedyēce venially/but þf doyt-  
tyng & with deliberacyon of a contempte / I breke  
out in to wordes/wofully brekyng the lawe of scy-  
ence. I dyscerne & Iuge my selfe a greuous synner/&  
þ deedly & dampnably/þf I perceyue impenyent vn-  
to my lyues ende. for cryst sayth to them þ ben rulers  
Who that dyspyseth you/dyspyseth me. Therefore kepe  
well this vertue of obedyence vnto god/& your supe-  
riour/& god shal be obedyent vnto your prayers & pe-  
tycions. And be alway redy to obey with a good wyl  
without any taryenge oꝝ delay/þ ye may say this ver-  
se truly (Paratū cor meū deus/paratū cor meū. &c.)  
My herte is redy good lord / my herte is redy to  
obey in wyl and dede.

**O**f this vertue of patience.  
Can ye ben troubled with iniuries/reproues  
w schauēders/with enuye/oꝝ malice agaynst you  
with losse of goodes/oꝝ aduersyte / and sykes-  
nelle. Remembre your selfe betymes/before any passy-  
on of heynesse / oꝝ impacyence ryseth in you / thyn-  
kyng that they ben the messangeres of your spouse  
Jhesu Criste sende for youe welche / other for to re-  
fourme your maners/oꝝ elles for to proue your loue



Whether it be Godfast & faithfull or not. And not onely  
suffre the paciently / but also gladly / as saynt Doule  
byde & many other holy men & women befoze / & con-  
sider it is but foly & vayne to lobe for heuen w<sup>th</sup> pleasu-  
re & delytes / leynge y<sup>e</sup> cryst our souerayne lord & spou-  
se ascended not to heuen but by many fyght / w<sup>th</sup> grete  
payne & passyon. And y<sup>e</sup> it were no ryght nor semynge  
y<sup>e</sup> the seruaunt wolde stande in better condycyon than  
his master. Better is to take paciently / y<sup>e</sup> thyng y<sup>e</sup>  
ye can not auoyde w<sup>th</sup> hope of a good rewarde / than  
to grutche w<sup>th</sup> suretye of grete punysshment. And byle-  
ue it truely y<sup>e</sup> your aduersary can not do you so moche  
good / by no fauoure / seruyce or benefyte / as he dothe  
whan he troubleth you / yf ye take it paciently / w<sup>th</sup>out  
grutche or malyce agaynst hym. And thanke god ther-  
of / as for a token of grete loue. ye wyll aske me who  
can do this. I answer: Euery persone y<sup>e</sup> is in y<sup>e</sup> state  
of grace / & wyll apply hymselfe therto dyligently / as  
I suppose truely Cryste suffred deathe for vs / leynge  
to vs ensample (not onely hymselfe) But also many  
holy sayntes / y<sup>e</sup> by theyr ensample we wolde folowe  
theyr steppes. Ensample we haue of saynt Katheryne  
of Seene beyng a chyld / whan her fader & moder /  
biederne & ysterne were set all to do her dyspleasure /  
& to trouble her holy mynde / from her ghostly purpo-  
se / she ordred & dysposed in her deuoute ymagynacyō  
to accepte her fader as Cryste / her moder as our Lady  
her biederne & ysterne as y<sup>e</sup> apostles / & what so euer  
was sayd or done to her by them / she toke it as it had  
ben done of Cryste / of his moder / or of his apostles / w<sup>th</sup>  
meke pacyence / glad obedyence / & louely obseruaunce

thynghe þ which she deserued increace of moche gra-  
ce. Our lord also byddeth vs to do good to them þ ha-  
te vs/ & promyseth vs þ kyngdome of heuen therfore.

### ¶ The conclusyon.

¶ Now the day is almoost past / wherin ye haue  
tasted bothe swete & soure / þ is to say / ye haue  
had somtyme trybulacyon / & somtyme cōsolaci-  
on / bothe spyrituallly & temporally. Thā coure ye  
to yourselfe callynge to remembraunce w dyligente  
serche / howe ye haue spente þ day in euery thyng þ ye  
haue done or lefte vndone / þ behoued you to haue do-  
ne / or þ became you not to do beynge loy for euery de-  
faute / & bewayle all þ is euill. For thoughe in þ mō-  
nyng ye purpose for to forsake all euill / & for to exer-  
cise good werkes / yet often tymes whā ye remembre  
yourselfe wel / ye shal fynde þ ye haue done many euil-  
les / & fewe good thynges. Therfore in suche causes  
orderne & kepe a chapytre euery day for yourselfe. Be-  
ryng your selfe vpon your owne defautes / & let nothing  
scape vncorrecte / yf ye wyll þ god shal spare you. Ex-  
amynye howe þ reason hath ben obedyent vnto þ fay-  
the / & howe she hath occupied her all day. Also howe  
þ wyll hath be ruled by reason / & kepte þ rules of god-  
des cōmaundementes / & whyder she hath be so sam-  
plyer w sensualyte. Howe þ syght / þ heyrnyng / þ speche  
w enery cense & membre of þ body hath ben occupied  
euery houre of the day / & in what place. The ymagi-  
nacyon & memory w what & with whome they haue  
ben occupied. Se whyder the body haue ben remysse  
& slowe in seturce / watchynge / study or labour. Ser-  
che yf the mouth haue spoken ony bayne / surdy / or



hndlenly wordes / þ̄ holde offende other god or man  
Or if ye can fynde any other excelle agaynst good cry  
sten maners. Than bowe do wone your harte & body  
mekely / & pray god of forgyuenes submyttinge your  
selfe to his correccyon / & be glad to take it in this lyfe  
& to do wylfull penance. There ben. iij. exerceples of  
ghostly helthe / whiche ben necessary for every perso  
ne to vse daily. The fyrst is to knowe yourselfe a syn  
ner / & to be sorp for your synnes. The. ij. is to purpose  
for to beware of synne / and to forsake it for evermore.  
The. iij. is for to entende to be confessed of all your  
synnes / & do penance for the same. Who soeuer befo  
re they slepe dothe these. iij. thynges / surely though  
it behapped (as god forbyd) þ̄ he holde dye todaynly  
yet there is hope of grace & saluacyon / though he be  
re in deedly synne. After ye haue made thus recolla  
cyon of yourselfe / & gadered your defautes togyder /  
bynde them in a bundell & cast them in þ̄ fyre of helle /  
þ̄ is remembryng þ̄ paynes ordeyned for them beyn  
ge sorp & in full purpose neuer to fall agayne. And be  
more sorp for the offente of god / than for the domage  
þ̄ holde folowe therof to yourselfe. Than after your  
prayers sayd / drese yourtwarde your bedde with þ̄  
moost honest maner / as though the Cryste your spouse  
were present. And whan ye be set in your bedde / blesse  
you with the spgne of the crosse / commyttinge your  
body and soule vnto your spouse Cryste and to the ke  
pyng of your good aungell. Than laye you downe  
reuerently with your armes a crosse vpon your brest  
Beware than delygentely of hayne thoughtes / and  
putte alwaye all hayne temptacyons quykely.

Remember that your enemy the devyll sleepeth not / &  
 haue that god dothe se all your behauioure / bothe in  
 mynde & without forth. Therefore be cleerly manere  
 wpon your selfe. And beware of carnall desires. Tender  
 not your body to muche to losse & harme / seinge / sa-  
 tisfye not your body in all / if desireth (yf ye do) it shal  
 put you in grete Jeopardy. If ye can not slepe. Writte  
 by after ye be layde / occupp your selfe in psalmes / or ci-  
 les upon your beddes & with them dreyne all fanta-  
 sy from your mynde excepte it be occupied aboute ho-  
 ly thynges by good medytacyon. So saynge on sle-  
 ping I haue layd before. Thus after the nyght be co-  
 me vnto matyns tyme / than ryste theris / & begyn to  
 occupp y day agayne / after the counsaile before. And  
 as your rule dothe teche you and bynde you / that ye  
 may lyue here soberly / meekely / & Justly in cleannes of  
 conscience / and hereafter opraue eternall lyfe / and  
 Joye without ende / whiche our lord Ihesu graunt  
 vs. Amen.

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